(c) and (d) The flight has been introduced to tap the market potential between India and Western Australia as also between Singapore and Perth.

(e) and (f) Services to new destinations are introduced by Air India on the basis of its commercial judgement keeping in view the traffic potential and economic viability.

Introduction of Helipcopter Service in the North-Eastern States

2175. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received requests to introduce helicopter services in the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Pursuant to request received from various States it has been decided to connect less accessible towns of North Eastern States through helicopter service, to be operated by Pawan Hans Limited, initially on a limited scale with two helicopters, to serve interior areas of Arunachal Pradesh & Nagaland.

The routes proposed to be operated in the region, which would be subject to finalisation in consultation with North Eastern Council and respective States are given in the statement, (*see* below).

In the absence of a firm commitment from Government of Nagaland for provision of infrastructural arrangement, the helicopter service is initially porposed to be started in Arunahcal Pradesh from June 1995 subject to availability of helicopter.

STATEMENT

The Places Proposed to be Connected by Helicopter Service in the North Eastern Region (Not Final)

KOHIMA BASE

KOHIMA-MOKOCHUNG- TUENSANG-MOKOCHUNG-WOKHA- KOHIMA

KOHIMA-MOKOCHUNG-MON-MOKOKCHUNG-KOHIMA-JORHAT

KOHIMA-PHEK-ZUNHOBUTO- KOHIMA

KOHIMA-UKHRUL-IMPHAL-TAMENGLONG-JIRIBAN-SILCHAR-

JIRIBAN-TAMENGLONG-IMPHAL-UKHRUL-KOHIMA

DIBRUGARH BASE

DIBRUGARH-PASSIBHAT-TUTING-PASSIGHAT-DIBRUGARH

DIBRUGARH-ALONG-DIBRUGARH

DIBRUARH-ROING-AMINI-ROING-DIBRUGARH

DIBRUGARH-DAPARIZO-LIMKING-DAPARIZO-DIBRUGARH

DIBRUGARH-HANAJAR-TEZPUR-ITANAGAR-DIBRUGARH

Dabolim Airport at Goa

2176. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) by when the new extension building at Dabolim Goa Airport is likely to be completed; and

(b) what was the scheduled date for its commissioning and what is the period of delay and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The International Block is likely to be completed by May, 1995 and the domestic block by May, 1996.

(b) The Scheduled date of commissioning of international and domestic block was October, 1995. The delay is due to change in design in foundation of elevated road and shifting of Naval Gate.

Purchase of Helicopter and Aircraft by Tamil Nadu

2177. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government